Letter from Leesburg.

Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette. LEESBURG, VA., March 15 .- The regular jury in our County Court was discharged last evening, but there will be a special jury to-day for the rendition of verdicts upon plain cases. John Rollison was convicted of an assault on Wesley Jenkins, and was fined \$25 and costs. A good deal of civil business was transacted.

We have had several alarms of fire lately, and some of them were near proving serious ones. On Tuesday night, a stone stable on the premises of Dr. Jackson was found to be on fire. Although it contained a load of hay, the fire was arrested when it had consumed half of the roof. Fortunately, there was little air stirring, for the building was situated in the most exposed part of the town, and an ordinary wind from the southwer, or northwest would have caused immense destruction of property.

Public sentiment with regard to the condition of the country was in a considerable ferment for a few days after the inauguration, and some conservative men were somewhat shaken in their determination to uphold the Union; but I think reason has resumed its sway, and the probable evacuation of Fort Sumter has "confirmed the

feeble knees." As to the work before the Convention. most of those with whom I have talked favor a Border State Convention; but, I must confess, I would look upon such a Convention with more favor, if the appointment of its members, were in the hands of the couservative Conventions, rather than in the hands of the Governors of the Border

Would there be any harm in our Convention accepting the Peace Conference propositions as satisfactory to them, and then submitting their action to a vote of our people at the May election? If our people adopted them, we could then have a definite issue made up for the next elections all over the country, and we could then see how those people stood, and being in the right beyond all question, we could then act fully together in the assertion of our rights.

I think that our people here would take these propositions probably by as large a majority as was given for reference of the action of the Convention to the people. We want peace and quiet, and especially now that our people have commenced their year's

I have heard that Mr. C. W. Morgan, printer by trade, and a daguerreotypist by occupation, has received an appointment to a Clerkship in Washington. He is a Pennsylvanian, who married in this county, and s said to be a near connexion of Mr. David Wilmot.

I hear of no applications for office from this county, and I hope there will be none; for while the people of Loudoun are willing to acquiese in the administration of Lincoln. while it is just and constitutional, yet they have too much self-respect to ask to share in the offices at the disposal of a sectional Pre-

The Wheat is said to look well, and a great deal of ploughing for Corn has been done. Cloverseed has sold for \$5.20 to \$5.50.

No candidates for the legislature have yet been announced, but I suppose we will have some after awhile. I never but once knew the office to go begging, and that was when Temple Mason and Cuthbert Powell were elected, not being candidates; and this I learn from tradition only. They must be Richmond next winter. Yours,

The New York Canal Board has fixed all tolls the same as last year, except grain, and corn half a mill and decreases barley ginia Conference for one year.

# COMMERCIAL.

Alexandria Market, March 16. The demand for Flour is fair; quotations are nominal. We quote Superfine at \$5.121 @ \$5.18 Extra, \$5,75@\$6; Family, \$6 50@\$7.50. The offerings on 'Change this morning were light .-There were sales of white Wheat at 132, 140, and 143c. for fair to good-no choice offered. There were no sales of red Wheat reported on 'Change. Corn is in active request. We quote prime to choice qualities at 60 (co 62c. There were no offer ings of Rye or Oats on the market. Prices are nominal.

Alexandria Cattle Market, March 15. Reported by J. Richard Smout, Live Stock Agent.

BEEF CATTLE .- Offerings amount to 150 head, a portion of which was driven to the District markets, the remainder sold at \$3 to \$4.50 gross. Hogs from \$7.50 to \$8 \$1 100 fbs. net. SHEEP from \$4 to \$5 gross. Cows AND CALVES from \$15 to \$30 P head.

VEAL CALVES from \$3 to \$5 P head.

Georgetown Cattle Market, March 15. [ Reported by J. Richard Smoot, Lice Stock Agent. BEEF CATTLE .- Offerings amounted to 300 head; 100 purchased for Baltimore, the remainder sold to District butchers at \$3 to \$4.25 gross. SHEEP from \$4 to \$5 gross.

Hogs from \$7.50 to \$8 \$ 100 lbs. netc. Cows AND CALVES from \$15 to \$35 P head. VEAL CALVES from \$3 to \$5 78 head.

# The Markets.

BALVIMORE, March 16 .- Flour dull and heavy; Howard street and Ohio \$5.12; City Mills \$5. Wheat steady; red 125@ 128c.; white 140@160c. thorn dull; mixed 54 @56c.; yellow 57 @62c. Provisions dull; mess pork \$17. Lard 9c. Coffee firm at 124@13c. Whiskey dull at 17c.

New York, March 16. - Flour is buoyant; sales of 10,500 bbls, at an advance of 5c. State \$5.05 @\$5.10; Ohio \$5.45@\$5.55; Sonthern \$5.30@ \$5.60. Wheat generally closes with an advance ing tendency; sales of 45,000 bushels at an ad vance of le. Milwaukie club at 123c.; white Canada 153e. Corn-the market is firm, with sales of 25,000 bushels; mixed 65 @66c; new 60c. Pork-the market is dull; mess \$16.50; prime \$12.50@ \$12.75. Lard is stendy. Whiskey is from at 172@ 173c. Va. 6's 787; Mo. 6's 66.

Lynchburg Markets, March 16.

FLOOR-\$6.373 (66 \$6.50 for Superfine: \$6.50 @ \$6.62 for Extra, and \$6.75(a \$7 for Family. WHEAT-\$1.25 (a.\$1.30 for red; \$1.30 (@\$1.35

Cons-Yellow 60c.; white 65c. Oars-Shent-80(a 90c-shelled 19 bushel 33 Tos, eco-lugs at \$1.50(a)\$3.50; inferior leaf

\$8 (a. 6. \$5; working \$6 (a. \$10. NOTICE TO SHIPPERS. The Screw Steamship MONTICELLO. ager, Captain, will leave New York, for

this port, on SATURDAY, the 16th instant, at | Wheat & Bro. 3 o'eloek, P. M. Cabin Passage, with elegant State Room accommodations \$7.50.

Returning, will leave for New York on Wedwesday, March 20th.

For freight or passage, apply to FOWLE & CO., Agents, Alexandria. H. B. CROMWELL & CO., Agents, New York, Pier No. 9

( YOAL OIL .- We have just received another fine Oil, from the celebrated works of the great Kanawha Coal and Oil Company, on Paint Creek in this State. LEADBEATER & CO., Nos. 5 and 7. South Fairfax-sts. 3 mo 18 VESSEL WANTED for Philadelphia.

Dispatch given. Apply to
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C. C. BERRY'S, 72 King-st. DURE RYE WHISKEY .- 30 bbls. Linden WHISKEY, (all Rye,) in store, and for sale HUMPHREYS & TALIAFERRO.

testant Church. Full report up to the hour of adjournment,

on Friday evening. NEWARK, N. J., March 13.—The Conference is held in the First Methodist Protestant Church, on Hill street, Rev. Dr. Murray, Chair. Rev. Isaac Gibson led in prayer:

The Conference is well attended by both clerical and lay members. The distance has prevented some of the fathers of the church from attendance: they will, however, probably be represented by the venerable Dr. Francis Waters, of Baltimore, late president of Washington College.

The Conference was called to order by the President, Rev. D. W. Bates, at whose invitation Rev. S. B. Southerland, of Charleston, South Carolina, conducted the religious

Rev. J. T. Ward, of Alexandria, Va., was elected secretary, and John S. Repp and Ormand Hammond, esqs., appointed assistant secretaries. The mode of examining official

character was determined upon. The annual sermon was preached by Rev.

Daniel W. Bates, following which was the administration of the sacrament.

The Conference reassembled at 2 o'clock, P. M. The president read a message, of which the following is a synopsis: During the year past the life of all the ministers has been spared, and the district is in a prosperous condition. He has travelled 4,722 miles in discharge of official duty; preached 164 times, and written 279 letters. He has supplied several vacant churches with ministers. On application of 22 seceders from the Methodist Episcopal Church at Fredericksburg, he has recognized them as a Methodist Protestant church. It has employed four young ministers coming from the Methodist

Episcopal Church. He deprecates the reception of young men into the itinerancy at too early an age as restricting their ultimate usefulness. He also deprecates the hasty imposition of hands. either upon preachers in the itinerant or local ranks. He recommends the instruction of congregations upon the subject of baptism; also the enlarging of powers of missionaries, and the more extended employment of superannuated ministers. He also makes some suggestions upon the subject of protracted meetings, recognizing the importance of immediate improvement of religious impressions without waiting for set times for protracted efforts. He also recommends the more vigorous exertions to increase the circulation of the "Methodist Protestant" in the Maryland District.

The remainder of the afternoon was consumed in examining official character of min-

Second Day .- The examination of efficial

character was renewed and completed. Revs. J. Shreve and Oliver Cox made an interesting report of missionary operations in and about Baltimore during the year just closed. They report an increase of 74 members and a reduction of debt on church property to \$640 at East Baltimore mission .--Also the erection of a comfortable and commodious church, and an increase of 200 members and 269 Sunday school children at North Baltimore mission, corner of Broadway and Monument streets. Dr. Murray, missionary at Newark, reports a doubling of the membership at his mission, an interesting Sunday school, and generally encourage ing indications of the success of the church at Newark. The president announced the committees

The report of the book committee exhibits a healthy condition of the Book Concern. It calls attention to the enlarged and improved character of the Methodist Protestant, and Union men to stand any chance of seeing to the necessity of increased effort to extend its circulation. The minister's names being called, to as-

certain who will engage in active service during the ensuing year, Rev. Oliver Cox was, at his own request, unstationedmaking all grain 21 mills. This raises wheat Rev. W. S. Hammond was loaned to the Vir-On motion, Conference proceeded to select

the place for holding the next session of the Conference, when Chestertown, Kent county, Md., was selected as the place, and the 2nd Wednesday in March, 1862, as the time. The order of the day, being the election of

officers, Conference proceeded that business with the following result: President, Rev.

The Conference then adjourned, to meet

again this morning.

The Laymen's Convention.

from the Light street meeting, held in January, was presented to the committee and read. On motion, it was referred to the committee on business.

On motion, the fourth delegate from Patuxent circuit was admitted to a seat in the The business committee reported two memorials on the subject of church difficulties.

The majority report adopted in committee, 10 to 4, advocates separation from the northern church without delay. The minority report advocates a delay of two or four years, and then, in certain contingencies, to separate. The debate upon the adoption of the majority report is now proceeding with much spirit and good feeling, and the faculty of talking among the laity is not far behind preach, and of whose hospitality we have that of the ministry. Mr. Buck, of Baltimore, made quite a telling speech in favor of doctrine. He thought he could speak the the majority report. Mr. Gaunt, of Anne views of the whole Conference, and say that Arunnel county, made a speech of considerable interest, and advocated the repeal of all slavery clauses from the discipline.

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MARINE LIST.

PORT OF ALEXANDRIA -- MARCH 16. ARRIVED. Sehr, Alena, Hannon, Pomonkey, wheat to Washington & Co. Schr. L. Lewis, Gray, North Carolina, shingles to Smoot & Perry.

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CANAL COMMERCE. ARRIVED, March 16.

Boats Waldo Hutchens, Dr. B. A. Dougherty, Boats Mary Mertens and R. Borden, to Borden tained the spirit of the Law. He continued

Boat John H. Shaw, to Frostburg Coal Co.

and well built HOUSE AND LOT, situated on make slavery a test of membership when SPRING TRIMMINGS—New style Spring
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JOHN G. PEACH.

The working of the Methodist Church have decided it to be now law, and he would call mh 12—1m. mh 14-dts

Maryland Annual Conference-Methodist Pro- Proceedings of the Baltimore Annual Conference-Third Day.

REPORTED FOR THE ALEXANDRIA CAZETTE. STAUNTON, March 15 .- The Conference met at 9 o'clock, a. m., Bishop Scott in the after which, the proceedings of vesterday were read by the Secretary.

A report from the Preachers' Aid Society was presented by Rev. Wm. Hurst, and referred to the Committee on "Necessitous Cases."

On motion, a Committee on Annual Register was appointed, consisting of Messrs. Monree, Martin, and Chapman.

Rev. Mr. Wheeler extended an invitation to the members of Conference from the Deaf, Dumb and Blind Institution, to attend an exhibition at the Institution, to take place at 2 o'clock, p. m.; which was accepted by the Conference.

Much time of the Conference was occupied by the Stewards of the Conference in the call of Claims and Collections

The Chair introduced to the Conference Rev. Mr. Campbell, of the Presbyterian Church; the Rev. Mr. Davis, of the Lutheran Church, and the Rev. Mr. Taylor, of the Bantist Church. A report of the Board of Trustees of the

Baltimore Female College was presented, and referred to the Committee on Semina-A similar one was presented from a Female

School at Annapolis, Md., and referred to the same Committee. The hour for the order of the day having arrived, the following questions were presented to, and answered by Bishop Scott :-

1st. By John W. Bull. Does not the late action of the General Conference upon the subject of Slavery, as embodied in the new Chapter, relate to slavery as it exists in the M. E. Church?

Answer .- I am not sure that I understand re question. The action of the late General Conference relates, 1 suppose, to slavery as popularly understand to exist in the M E. Church. But the new Chapter assumes that slavery as defined in that Chapter does of exist at all in the M. E. Church.

2nd. By A. W. Wilson, -- Has the presidng Bishop of the Conference authority to rdain any preacher, local or travelling, who ay they cannot subscribe and conform to he doctrines of the Church.

Answer.-The presiding Bishop has authories to ordain any preachers who have been duly elected to ordination, and who ed in the ordination service.

Mr. Phelps resumed his remarks from vesterday, and said he had not intended di recting his remarks in the way he did on vesterday, had it not been for the positions assumed by the Rev. N. Wilson. He returned his thanks to the Conference for the courtesy extended him on yesterday, in allowing him to resume his remarks to-day, and would not proceed unless it was the wish of his friends. | Cries of go on, from all ever the house. I fie said, when principle and duty call him to action, that God in his power had given him the nerve to act. He said, in reply to Rev. N. Wilson, that if he believed this morning that he could not be recognized as a loyal citizen of the Comnonwealth of Virginia, and hold the book solve that connection at once; but, notwithtroubled the Conference on yesterday, had son ought to have been answered on that day, and at that very time. He continued the division of the Church, and neither ted his avest .- Lynchburg Republican. could be be persuaded that the fact that they got no dividend from the Book Concero was any reason why they should divide: that was no argument for the secession of the Church. He rejuiced that books had gone down in price, and that accounted for | ty, Va. there being no dividend declared. He contiqued by saying that he did not think the Church had any right to meddle with the subject of slavery, and that he did not altogether like either the old or new Chapter upon this question; but he did not understand that the new Chapter prevented him from being a preacher or a Christian, nor did he interpret this new Chapter as some STAUNTON, March 14.—The memorials brethren did. He was not prepared to say what its effect might be in the future, but he could not see any advantage to be derived from this proposed separation. He denied

> ciples through the South, and that he would defend the Conference from this charge now and forever. Mr. Clemson interrupted, asking who madhis charge against the Conference.

Mr. Phelps said he understood Mr. Wilson to say that they were the only mediums of abeliticaism. Mr. Wilson explained, by saying that such

chapters were calculated to have that effect upon the Church. Mr. Phelps said, let those to whom we

they were all sound. He said that in this discussion he was sorry to see that the passions and prejudices of members had been appealed to, Mr. Phelps said that the argament had been used in favor of a separation, that the preachers would get better paid under a new and distinct Church.

Mr. Isaac Gibson asked if any such intimation had been made before this Confer

Mr. Phelps replied that he was not dealing in personalities, but in general argument; but he had not heard that argument ad vanced here, but elsewhere. He said that he would go back to the plough for his support, before he would quit the Church for higher wages. He asked if they were to be put up on the block, and sold to the highest hidder? He wished this case settled upon its own merits, and if we ought to go, let us go. and it we ought to stay, let us stay, though the very skies fall. He said he knew he Steamship Monticello, Gager, New York, by would be assailed by some of the newspatheir abuse, when he was standing up in the discharge of his duties. He believed that the union of the Churches was calculated to hold the union of the States together, and he was in favor of the Union of these States,

now, henceforth, and forever. Mr. Phelp's time having expired the ven-erable A. Griffith proceeded to address the the Conference by reading the new chapter on Slavery, and reviewed his remarks of yesterday. His opinions had not been formed hastily -- but with calmness, serionsness, deliberation and semetimes while on his knees before God; and he could not bring his mind to believe that this new Chapter conto show that there was no necessity for mak-Boats E. Sneyder and Union, to B. M. Franks. | ing slavery a test of membership, and if the new Chapter does not apply to slavery as it WILL OFFER FOR SALE the substantial exists, what was the use of undertaking to there was no application to the subject in this Chapter as some contended. If there was any such law it was "null and void," dining room, and library on first floor, five good and his opinion (and he was not alone in his opinion,) this was no law, it could not be a The above property will be sold on Thursday, new rule of Faith, for the rule of the church

upon the Conference to deliberate well before they decide to secede; he asked should we withdraw our connection from the Church we had made? simply because the General Conference had passed laws which are "nul and void," he asked would not the General Conference feel its defect when the Church should decide this Chapter to be "null and void,' and agree to leave the question of slavery to those to whom it belongs-for to grant it to us, we will divide the property of the Church, and set up for ourselves. He did not like this idea of immediate secession it looked like doing a thing under the heat of passion and excitement. He said the Baltimore Conference had done more than all the Conferences towards building up the Church, and she might be called the mother of them all. He reviewed the progress and history of the Church in the United States, he said it was true that the Church had started in New York city, but had almost died out during the Revolution, but caught new life in the city of Baltimore, where it has continued to flourish until new, and tiou adjourned. there could be nothing that would distress him more than the division of his Church. He would almost rather call upon his Heavenly Father to take him home to his final resting place than to see his church thus fall to nieces. He loyed the church, next to his own family, beiter than every thing on

The falling of the old man's tears from his soul was enlisted in this question.

As the hour of adjounment bal almost arrived, Mr. Gilbert next obtained the floor but gave way to

Mr. Phelps, who moved that the question on the floor to-day. be laid upon the table until to morrow at 10 clock, (when Mr. G. is entitled to the floor) and that the second year's class be called up, and stand their examination before the Bishon in order that they be allowed to vote .-This motion was laid on the table until tomorrow at 9 o'clock. Whereupon the Sceretary notified the second year's class to present themselves before the Conference on tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock. On motion, the Convention adjourned.

Nothing special was done in the Laymen's Convention to-day, several speeches were made advocating delay and opposing any immediate withdrawal, the speeches are spoken as quite able.

## THIRTY-SEVENTH CONGRESS.

take upon them the ordination vows contain- [REPORTED FOR THE ALEXANDRIA GAZETTE.]

In Senate, Friday, March 16. On motion by Mr. Wilson, the resolution introduced by Mr. Douglas was postponed till Menday next. Mr. Mason moved to take up his resolu-

tion relative to the United States troops now Mr. Fessenden moved to go into executive session, on which motion Mr. Meson demanded the yeas and nays, resulting yeas

27, navs 10. The Senate went into executive session and

then adjourned. ATTEMPT TO KILL -- A during attempt to kill, was made by a negro man named Abner, and is now a law: belonging to Col. Langhorne, on Friday containing the new Chapter on Slavery and Capt. M. R. Behannen, in company with his connection with the Church, he would dis- wife, was passing the factory of Col. Langhorne, on Clay street, when the negro delib standing that Chapter, he could be and would crately fired at them twice, with as is supbe a citizen of Virginia, and uphold her laws posed, a pistol loaded with shot. Fortunateand institutions; and be would not have by neither the Captain or his wife received any injury. As soon as the negro had fired he not thought the speech of Brother Wil- he ran off, but not before he was recognized with sufficient certainty to be indentified. The police have been on the look out for the by saying he was opposed to the question of murderous ruscal ever since the shooting, dollars and cents having anything to do with but up to the present writing have not effec-

By the Rev. Wm. Conner Blount, on the 15th of March, 1861, Mr. HORATIO P. LANHAM, and Mrs. MARGARET BROOK, all of Fairfax coun-

In Washington, on the 14th instant, by Rev. Dr. Gurley, JOHN H. MACRAE, esq., of Vicginia, to Miss S. A. BEACH, eldest daughter of

### Dr. S. Beach, of Port Deposit, Maryland. OB. TUARY.

Dign, on the 9th instant, at Covington, Ken- from the passage of this act, and be relieved tucky, at the residence of his sister, Mrs. Ludlow, GEORGE W. SLACUM, esq., of Alexandria, Va., in the 68th year of his age. Mr. Slacon was known and estoemed by most of the old residents of this city and neighborhood. He was an honorable and polished gentleman, distinguished for his attable and cordial disposition, his pleasant and cheerful manners and conversation, and the assertion that they were the only "mehis firm principles. He made warm friendships dium" for the circulation of abolition prinamong all classes of men, and the humble will especially lament his death, who uniformly treaof them with a gentle, kind, and interested feeling. His companionship was valued for its bright unceasing resources. He had represented our country abroad very successfully in important diplomatic duties in South America and Mexico. and was, for many years, our Consul at Rio de Janeiro. His death will be regretted by his friends in the navy who have enjoyed his genial society and hospitality. The most of these friends have preceded his departure. His relaancle. All who knew him will be glad to learn that he supported a painful and protracted sickess with remarkable fortitude, and died in a spirit of perfect resignation, assured of peace with all men and a happy immortality. His remains have been interred in the family ground

> Dign, on the 2d inst., after a lingering illness of consumption, Miss MARY, second daughter of

Disc, in Washington, on Friday evening, the cation. 15th inst, at half-past two o'elock, WILLIAM G. This net shall be in force from its pas-PETTIT, oldest son of Richard and Mary A. sage. Pettit, in the 28th year of his age.

We regret to have to announce this week the leath of Mr. JAMES WITHERS. He died at his residence, near this place, on Tuesday last, Mr. W. was a highly respectable gentleman, and beloved by all who knew him. - Culpeper Observer

FOR RENT.—The spacious STORE HOUSE, on King street, occupied by Witmer a Bros, during the past eight years. This nouse trouts on King street 25 feet, extending back 75 feet, widens to 32 feet, which width it maintains to its extreme length, 111 feet. There s a basement under the entire building, well lighted and arranged for business. The second story contains a Carpet Room 25 by 40 feet. There are several sky lights looking into the main store. The above house was built for, and has pers, but he was not to be influenced by been occupied as a bry Goods Stere for sixteen years, and has commanded during this time the largest trade in this city. Possession given 21st of March. C. M. TAYLOR.

ATEGROES WANTED. The subscriber wish-🐧 es to parchase for his own use, on his cotton plantation in Rapides Parish, Louisiana, a stoct from twenty to lifty good NEGROES, in which here shall be a fair proportion of serviceable men. Any person having such to dispose of will please to address me, enclosing fully descriptive list, care of Cashier Bank Metropolis, Washington City, antil 15th March.

teb 18 -eolmo G. MASON GRAHAM. I AND PLASTER! LAND PLASTER!!- ing: 1 ROSENDALE CEMENT-ROSENDALE CEMENT, CIVED PLASTER, CALCINED PLASTER, Inc. actured and for sale by the Hudson River Cement Company, Jersey City, New Jersey. P. S .- This is now the only Cement Manufacory in New Jersey.

Jersey City, mh 11-dlm TIMES IS TO GIVE NOTICE that the subscriber has obtained letters of administration on the estate of Ann Clagett, dee'd. All persons 2d Monday in May.

Boston, March 16.—Four Gloucester fishing vessels for the Georgia Banks have been dria Post Office, stating price.

Boston, March 16.—Four Gloucester fishing vessels for the Georgia Banks have been dria Post Office, stating price. having claims against the estate are requested to exhibit the same, and those indebted to make immediate payment. C. W. WATTLES, Administrator of Ann Clagett, dec'd. mh 11-2aw4w

SAPLING CLOVERSKED.—Just received at bash. Prime Sapling Cloverseed, now crop,



BY MAGNETIC TELEGRAPH. THE STATE CONVENTION.

RICHMOND, March 16 .- Union resolutions them it does belong, let us make this request, wrapped in the American flag, from citizens and if the General Conference refuses to of Norfolk county were presented to the ference, but proposed to delay the secession Convention and tabled.

Several anti-secession resolutions were offered and also tabled.

Mr. Goggin offered an amendment to the remarks, opposing a division in the Church, report of the Committee on Federal Relaand recommending Union and harmony. tions proposing secession with a view of vor of an immediate separation from the Geneventual reconstruction of the Union. It eral Conference, and said-that it would be was ordered to be printed. elinging to abolitionism to remain any lon-Mr. Randolph, of Richmond, made a speech | ger with this Buffalo Abolition Conference.

against the Peace propositions and favoring to by the gentleman. secession. Without concluding the Conventhose who opposed a secession from the Gen-

The Convention will hereafter meet at 10 30 A. M. instead of 12 M., having discovered loud applause from all parts of the crowded the necessity of going promptly to work.

The Western members begin to manifest a disposition to throw obstacles in the way of secession, by demanding an equality of Laymen's Convention-Adoption of the Majortaxation; much slave property in Eastern wrinkled cheeks told plainly that his whole Virginia being now exempt by law. The question of a division of the State will doubtless be agitated.

The Maryland Commissioners tock seats

## FROM WASHINGTON.

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE GAZETTE.

Washington, March 17-Geo. G. Fogg, was offered the Commissionership of the Patent Office but not accepting at once he is surprised to learn that the parchment has been given to cates a separation from the Northern Church another-Mr. Holloway, of Indiana. This has rather bewildered the gentleman from the Granite State, but to-day, it is said, he will not remain in the fog long, for the light will soon break, unfolding to him some other lucrative position.

Hon. Green Adams, member of the late Congress, from Kentucky, has been appoint- on the 1st inst., carrying 86 passengers and pendence of the Pope must be insured. ed Auditor of the Treasury for the Post \$729,000 in treasure, \$626,000 of which is Office Department (usually called the 6th | consigned to New York. Auditor's Office) in place of Doctor Tate, of

Virginia, resigned. The result of the Senatorial Republican prising 1,200 sacks of barley, 1,200 sacks of Caucus for the selection or nomination of officers of that body has not transpired.

1,500 bags of guano, &c. A high officer of the Government assured The steamer Uncle Sam, with the New me, last evening that it was the intention of the administration to remove all seces-York mails of Feb. 1st, is now overdue some six days, causing much anxiety. sionists in office, but that in every case a The Pony Express, with dates from the At-Union man from the same State would be lantic States to the 15th ult., is telegraphed selected to fill the vacancies. from Carson Valley to-day.

## The Tax Bill.

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE GAZETTE. RICHMOND, March 16 .- The following bill

has passed both Houses of the Legislature, fairs. ed March 30, 1860, entitled an act for the we must; but conflict, never. If peaceful dis-

assessment of taxes on persons and property solution comes, why should California rebe and the same are hereby amended and re-enacted so as to read as follows: Section 102. But any person aggrieved by fic Nationality? any entry in either book or by any assessment of a license tax may, within two years after the date of the clerk's certificate, where the entry is in either book and within two years from the assessment of said license tax, apply for relief to the Court in which the Commissioner gave bond and qualified. The Attorney for the Commonwealth shall defend the application, and no order made in favor of the applicant shall have any validity, unless it be stated on the face thereof that such attorney did so defend it, and that the Commissioner was examined touchingthe application, provided that any person who has been heretofore aggrieved by any entry or assessment, as expressed, and failed to apply to the Court having jurisdic ion

thereof within the time prescribed by law,

may apply to such Court within two years

as if said application had been made within the period aforesaid. Sec. 103. If the Court be satisfied that the applicant is erroneously charged in such book, or so assessed with any taxes or licenses, it shall certify the facts upon which it grants promise rather than disunion. relief, and shall order that the applicant be exonerated from the payment of so much as is erroneously charged, if not already paid, son, and if paid, that it be refunded to him, a copy of which order and certificate of facts, shall, within ten days after the entry thereof, be transmitted by the Clerk of the Court, to the Auditor of Public Accounts, and on failure thereof he shall forfeit double the amount so erroneously charged, to be recovered on motion or by information in the County, Corporation or Circuit Court of the tives mourn the loss of an affectionate brother and county, city or town, provided when the application is to the County Court, the party applying for relief shall give to the Attorney for the Commonwealth for said county tea

days notice of his intended application. Provided, however, if the Court shall be of opinion that the error asked to be corrected was committed by the neglect or careles ness d' l'e Commissioner of the Revenue. Dr. Randolph Kownslar, of Berryville, aged 22 the Court may render judgment against said Commissioner for the cost of the appli-

# Virginia Lagislature.

THE GAZETTE'S SPECIAL DISPATCH. RICHMOND, March 16 .- The House of Del egates to-day passed the Senate bill, in relation to the devise made by Joel Osborne, to County, was destroyed by fire last night .the Alexandria Loudoun and Hampshire One child, six years old, was burned to

Railroad Company. The Senate passed a bill granting to whole family narrowly escaped. Amanda Higdon a pension of \$45 per annum for seven years. In the House of Delegates to-day, a resolution was offered by Mr. Jones of Appointatox, instructing the Committee on Courts of Justice to enquire House last night, and attended with considinto the expediency of reporting a bill to take the sense of the voters, whether they row. shall have another Convention. The resolution was defeated ayes 8, noes

The Southorn Congress-Its Adjournment. MONTGOMERY, March 16.—The Congress this afternoon confirmed the following Distriet Judges: A. G. Magrath for South Carolina, H. R. Jackson for Georgia, Wm. J. Jones for Alabama, Wm. Lauier Harris for Mississippi, Thomas J. Jannies, of the 29th ballot, without nominating a succes-Louisiana, John Hemphill for Texas. Jesse sor to Mr. Chase, in the Senate. On the first given April 1st. Apply to R. E. LEE,

J. Finly for Florida. And also the follow-J. Finly for Florida. And also the follow- | b. llot John Sherman led all his competitors;

"A LOOKER ON."

ma, Commissioner of Indian Affairs Alex- again to-night, and it is as yet impossible to ander B. Witherall, of Alabame, Register of the Treasury; and Bolling Baker, of Georgia, Auditor of the Treasury. The Congress then took a recess until evening, when

### Election at Harrisburg. HARRISHURG, March 15 .- The municipal Cambridgeport, was destroyed by fire at

election, held here to-day resulted in the about m-dnight. Loss \$15,000. Insurance triumph of the Democrats, who elect all of \$5,000. the five Councilmen, five of the six Assessors, and a majority of the Election Officers in last night and this morning, which is greatly every ward but the Fifth.

# BALTIMORE ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

Exciting Debate. THE GAZETTE'S SPECIAL DISPATCH. STAUNTON, March 16 .- Much of the time

Rev. Mr. Lumsden made some humorous

Rev. F. Tebbs made an able speech in fa-

The greatest excitement followed, amid

SECOND DISPATCH.

From California.

which the Conference adjourned.

from the General Conference.

cession is likely to succeed.

without delay.

this afternoon.

coercion and war?

pecting well.

election question before the Legislature.

The Alabama Convention.

vention to-day, adopted a resolution to ad-

An ordinance was passed altering the free

banking act, substituting stocks of the Con-

federate States for those of the United States;

allowing the issue of two for one of capital .-

No foreign cit zens or corporations are al-

Fires and Loss of Life.

HARTFORD, March 15 .- The Grove Works,

a large manufactory, occupied by several

firms, was destroned by fire this afternoon.

and a young man named Frank Cowles per-

i hed in the flames. Loss, \$30,000, insured,

ing house of John Celvin, at Raisin in this

death, and another seriously injured The

Southern Rights Meeting, &c.

LOUISVILLE, March 16 .- A large South-

ern rights meeting was held at the Court

Levy Tyler and B. O. Davis, old and promi-

Ohio Republican Caucus.

Columbus, M. rch 15 .- The Republican

legislative caucus last night adjourned after

but was withdrawn on the 27th. On the

Vessels Missing, Fire, &c.

missing several weeks, and are probably lost,

Boston, March 16 .- Four Gloucester fish-

predict who will be nominated.

with thirty or forty lives.

drifted by the strong Northeast gale.

new stock for each share.

ADRIAN, Mich.; March 15th-The dwell-

journ on Wednesday next.

lowed to hold stocks.

\$20,000,

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE GAZETTE.

vears' class.

of the Church

Steamship Arabia from Liverpool on the 2d inst., via Queenstown on the 3d arrived at of the Conference was consumed to-day, in this port this evening, bringing £270,000 the examination of ministers of the second sterling in specie. Rev. Mr. Gilbert made a long and powerful argument, favoring a secession of this Conference from the General Annual Con-

The steamship Australasian arrived at Queenstown on the same day that the Arabia left that port, having returned in consequence of an accident. Her mails and pasuntil May. He denounced in strong terms, sengers (but not her specie) were transferred the power usurped by the Northern branch to the Arabia.

LATER FROM EUROPE

SAFETY OF THE AUSTRALASIAN

NEW YORK, March 16 .- The Royal Mail

Capt. Hockey, of the Australasian, reports that his steamer broke both flanges of her screw on February 20th, when in latitude 30°, longitude 34°, but she continued on her voyage westward till the 26th, under canvass, when a heavy gale was experienced from the westward, and she put before it, reaching Queenstown on the 3d. During one day's sail she made 280 miles under canvas.

Rev. Mr. Philips asked if he was alluded The royal mail steamship Canada arrived at Queenstown on the 2d inst. The London money market was unchang-Mr. Tebbs replied, that he alluded to all ed, with an active demand. Consols were eral Conference. The response called forth

quoted on Saturday evening at 91 (a, 91 for money. American securities were dull and The siege of Messina was expected to be

debating the address to the throne. GREAT BRITAIN .- In the House of Comity Report, Favoring Immediate Secession mons, the Syrian question had been under

STAUNTON, March 16 .- The Convention of Syria was generally condemned. Laymen will come to a vote upon the ma-Lord John Russell, in his speech on the question, admitted that the occupation by jority report, which will be presented this evening. It is thought that immediate se-

the French army had been useful, but thought it desirable that it should terminate as soon as possible. The great ship company had adopted the

STAUNTON, March 16, P. M .- The Lavreport already published. men's Convention this evening by a vote of The Great Eastern will probably be ready 91 to 32 adopted the report of the majority next month for another voyage to New York. of the Committee on business which advo-The Duke of Sutherland was dead.

FORT KEARNEY, March 15 .- The California Pony Express passed this point at 4.15 The steamer Cortez sailed from Panama A pasteral letter by the Bishop of Poic-

The ship Dashing Wave has cleared for New York with a miscellaneous cargo, coming what measures to take in this matter. copper ore, 2,000 hides, 300 flasks of quicksilver, 140, blis. of tallow, 87 bales of wool,

> pected would be commenced in a few days. The Sardinians had occupied the heights commanding the citadel. It is said that the resistance offered by

The Chairman of the Breckenridge State The representatives of the foreign Powers Central Committee, has called a meeting of at Messina had protested against the openthat body at Sacramento, on the 26th to coning of hostilities, in consequence of the sider the perilous crisis on our national af: damage that might ensue.

Russia-St. Petersburg.-The Russian Government announces that no Government main with the free States? If a bloody sep- measure relative to the peasantry will be

her own army, and if the revolutionists make the least movement in Venetia or There are no new features in the Senatorial

> LATEST .- On Saturday, the market had an advancing tendency.
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> Flour closed dull-prices were easier but unchanged.

2d. lower. Corn dull-mixed 36s. 9d. @37s. From the different parts of the State the Provisions.—Beef quiet. Pork dull. Bacon heavy. Lard dull and slightly lower.

The recently discovered silver mines in Naval Stores .- Rosin heavy, and holders pres-Nevada county, near Grass Valley, are prossing on the market. The decline was chiefly on the inferior qualities-common 4s. 2d.@4s. 7d. Spirits Turpentine heavy. All qualities were Slightly lower, 30s. 6d.@31s. Financial.—London, Saturday—Consols 914@. MONTGOMERY, March 16 .- The State Con-

Safety of the Steamer Uncle Sam. NEW YORK, March 16 .- An extract from a letter dated aboard the steamer Uncle Sam, (whose non-arrival at San Francisco has caused much anxiety there,) in Acapulco harbor, on February 18th, reports a rough passage up, and that the steamer had lost one of her wheels, and would not be able to reach San Francisco until the 4th or 5th of

#### New Hampshire Election. Boston, March 15th .- Returns from one

Stark, dem., 28,289. The majority for Berry thus far is about 4,000. Marine Disaster. NORFOLK, March 16 .- The schooner L. Waterbury, from St. Marks, bound to New

# storm. Her cargo will probably be saved but the vessel will be a total loss.

erable confusion, and finally broke up in a steamer) sailed Southward to-day. TAOR SALE -THREE YOUNG MARES, suinent citizens, the latter of Boston, died last size, work well, are very gentle and perfectly sound. For further particulars, address R. C. G., The Southern Pacific Railroad asks the Thoroughfare Station, Manassas Gap Railroad .stockholders to take one dollars worth of

mh 11-eotf FOR RENT.—ARLINGTON MILL, on Four Mile Run, at the intersection of Columbia Turnpike and the Alexandria, Loudoun and Hampshire Railroad, three miles from Washington, and six miles from Alexandria. Possession

mh 13—eo2w\* WANTED .- A NEGRO BOY from the Country, to hire by the year; to learn House ser-McQueen McIntosh as Judge in Admiralty at Key West; David Hobbard of Alaba20th the vote stood—Dennison 33, Horton
vice—age 15 or 16. Only one who is active and
24, Schenck 17, blank 4. The caucus meet
vice—age 15 or 16. Only one who is active and strictly honest. Name, age, terms, &c., and address "Southerner," through Alexandria Post

> WANTED —A good work MARE, one suitable for heavy farm work, and one that will work in any harness. Address Box 368, Alexan-CHARLES H. McMURRAN was admitted as a member of our firm on the 1st day of

> FOR SALE.—The DWELLING now occupied by me, No. 178, Cameron street.
> mh 16—3t\* ANDREW JAMIESON.

commenced at an early day. The French Senate had been spiritedly

The conduct of the French troops in

FRANCE. - During the debate in the French Senate on the address to the throne, the Prince Napoleon justified the policy of Piedmont, and uttered some sympathetic words relative to Venice, though, as he added, he would deplore an untimely attack. He opposed the union of the temporal and spiritual power of the Pope of Rome, but said the inde-

tiers, comparing the Emperor to Pontius Pilate, had created a great sensation throughout France, and the Government was debat-The Paris Bourse was dull but steady. Rentes being quoted at 68f. 15c. ITALY .- The siege of Messina it was ex-

the Governor of the citadel arose from the orders given him by Francis II.

Fearful inundations had taken place at He urges the following declaration for the Galatz, and hundreds of persons are repor-Be it enacted by the General Assembly, consideration of that meeting: "Let us have ted to have been drowned. Immense quanthe Union if we can peaceful dissolution it litities of grain were lost.

> eration, why should she not establish a Pacipublished until the 2d of March. Austria .- A Paris letter to the London Is she willing to be dragged into a war Daily News mentions a rumor, which is acagainst a Southern Confederation of her siscredited in official quarters, that Prince ters? If such a Confederation is irrivocably Metternich has just communicated to M. established, ought not she to demand of the Thouvenel an important note from the Court other free States to consent to a peaceful sep- of Vienna, wherein it is asserted that the eration, if it must come, as the unyielding Austrian Government will never recognise condition of her remaining with them? Does | Victor Emmanuel as King of Italy; and if o Lincoln's forshadowed policy of executing France withdraws her troops from Rome, the laws in the seceded States imply force, Austria will immediately replace them by

> Hungary, she will cross the Mincio. The Senate, yesterday, amended the Union LIVERPOOL, Friday morning, March 1st .-- Cotesclutions previously passed in the Assemton-sales of the week \$3,400 bales, including bly, and adopted it in the following form, by 2,500 for speculation and 11,000 for export. The a vote of 20 years to 6 nays. The negative market opened \$d. advance and active, but the votes being cast by the Republican members. advance was subsequently nearly lost, and the market closed slightly above last week's quota-Resolved, That we heartily endorse the tions. The estimated sales on Friday were 6,000 plan of settlement for the existing difficulties bales, and the market closed dull. Stock in port in the Atlantic States, as proposed by the 855,000, including 695,000 of American. Hon. J. J. Crittenden, in the Senate of the

> United States, January 8th 1861, and that we condemn the use of military force to coerce the people, recommending conciliation Wheat quiet, but irregular, and partially 1@ and concession rather than war, and com-

> mining news is about as usual as this sea-General Produce .- Sugar heavy. Coffee quiet. Rice heavy.

# 915. Bullion in the Bank had increased £315,-

Two members of Congress were elected to supply resignations. H. C. Jones, of Sanderdale, and Nick. Davis, of Madison, were March. She was due there on the 24th of

> hundred and ninety-two towns in New Hampshire foot up for Berry, rep., 32,346;

York, with a cargo of Cotton, went ashore in Linn Haven Bay, on Friday, during the

Departure of the Crusader. NEW YORK, March 16 .- The Crusader (war

I table for farming purposes. They are of fine They can be seen at Thoroughfare any day, by giving notice.

The Methodist Church, on Harvard street, March, 1861.

mh 15-3t ALBERT W. GRAY & CO.

Nearly one foot of snow fell between ten SEED OATS.-White Poland Oats, for seed, for sale by [mh 5] WHEAT & BRO2